



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

**CELEBRATING**  
**200** YEARS  
of ministry in Wolfsville  
1819-2019

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## Salem to attend ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, February 8 through 10



### Ocean City Convention Center

ROCK is a powerful and fun-filled weekend in Ocean City, Maryland, sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The event allows youth and adults to take a step back from their busy lives and learn about the amazing love of Jesus Christ.

It is an awesome experience for folks to more fully connect with God and their friends while listening to great bands and speakers. You will leave ROCK renewed and ready to spread the word about God's great love for us.

ROCK is designed as a retreat with a focus on presenting the Gospel message in an exciting, culturally appropriate way for young people (and now adults, too) to be exposed to and have an opportunity to respond to an invitation to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

### ROCK 2019: Schedule February 8-10, 2019

- FRIDAY NIGHT**
- 7:00 – Registration Opens
- 7:45 – Doors Open for Event Seating
- 8:30-10:40 – Friday Night Session
- SATURDAY MORNING**
- 8:30 – Registration Opens
- 9:00 – Doors Open for Event Seating
- 9:30-11:00 – Saturday Morning Session
- 11:30-12:30 – Breakout Session A
- SATURDAY NIGHT**
- 6:00 – Doors Open for Breakouts
- 6:30-7:30 – Breakout Session B (includes Mass Choir rehearsal in Main Hall)
- 7:45 – Doors Open for Event Seating
- 8:30-10:20 – Saturday Night Session
- SUNDAY MORNING**
- 9:00 – Doors Open
- 9:30-11:45 – Sunday Morning Session



**Salem at last year's ROCK YOUTH RETREAT**  
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**Salem Membership Statistics:**  
Current Membership: 239  
2019 New Members: 0

**Salem Physical Facilities:**  
Church built 1847  
Educational Building built 1967  
Parsonage built 1974–75

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**Purpose of Newsletter:**  
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

**Salem Mission Statement:**  
At Salem, with God's help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

**Salem Vision Statement:**  
We will direct our efforts out into the community to serve people's needs and bring them to Christ.

**Go**  **2019 MISSION PROJECTS** **2019 Goal**

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission .....	\$2,460
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) .....	45
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs) .....	1,180
4. Wolfsville Elementary School PTA - "All Pro Families Breakfast" .....	900
5. Wolfsville Community Food Pantry at Salem .....	1,180
6. Mary E. (AIM - France) .....	1,320
7. United Methodist Board of Child Care Christmas Offering .....	750
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) .....	300
9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes .....	300
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) .....	780
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick .....	600
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) .....	456
13. Hero's Club after school ministry .....	4,500
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) .....	420
<b>TOTAL GOAL for 2019 .....</b>	<b>\$15,191</b>

**Here's how you can give . . .**

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.  
If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

**MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES**

*Mission Project No. 3*

**SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS**

Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

We at the Salvation Army would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your hard work and time that you gave filling stockings this Christmas season.

This year, the Stocking Program assisted 1,476 children in Frederick County. Thank you again for helping those in need.

May you and your families have a wonderful new year.



Sincerely,  
*Morrisa Travers*  
Social Service Director

Salem Coordinator: Theresa Haupt

**OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday</b>
7am - 1 pm    Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church)	6-7 am        Devotions (at home)
6 - 7 pm        Bible Study (at church)	9 am - Noon    Parsonage Office
	Noon - 1 pm    Lunch
	1-5 pm        Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office
<b>Monday (day off)</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
6-7 am        Devotions (at home)	7-9 am        Final touches on Sunday's sermon (at home)
9-11 am        Planning Time (at home)	
5-6 pm        Hero's Club (at church)	

Also, Pastor Bob will be at church or in homes to attend meetings or check-in on evening activities at the church. He will make hospital visits and other visits as situations arrive. He will be working at home in Myersville, at the parsonage office, or elsewhere, as needed.



More about the . . .

## ROCK Youth Retreat *in* Ocean City



Youth Ministries of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church

### ROCK 2019: ON STAGE

#### Worship and Music

##### BEN GLENN, THE CHALKGUY

Ben Glenn, aka The Chalkguy, was diagnosed with Dyslexia and other learning disabilities while in grade school. As an adult he discovered that he had suffered from ADD all along and suddenly everything about his life made perfect sense. Apart from helping dispel the myths and misunderstandings surrounding ADD, Ben speaks about overcoming adversity, diversity and creativity.

"I believe that the only true basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's (agape) love. I believe that worship of God should be spiritual, inspirational, intelligent and fruitful. Led by the Holy Spirit and convicted by the Word of God, we should walk in love, remembering that the best is yet to come."

He is a husband and father of two daughters and lives in Indianapolis.



Ben Glenn, Featured Speaker

##### Music by SALVADOR

Over the course of an acclaimed career spanning more than a dozen years, Salvador has embraced a veritable rainbow of musical styles, from the Tex-Mex and Latin sounds of the band's Austin, Texas birthplace, to hip-hop, pop, jam band rhythms, rock and much more, all for the glory of God!

Their new album, "Make Some Noise" brandishes a message of hope wrapped in music that moves, thanks to two key ingredients, both organic in nature: groove and horns. Using the music of Earth, Wind & Fire and Stevie Wonder as touchstones, Salvador sought to capture, on their own terms, the glow and funk that made the best dance music of the 1970's and early '80s so memorable. "These songs have an optimism, an expectation, that a life of following Jesus is a life worth living. We're making a joyful noise the best way we know how, and praying it will move your heart and spirit as well, especially if you need a lift."



Salvador, Featured Band

##### Spoken Word Artist: EGYPT SPEAKS

Egypt Speaks is a Spoken Word Artist from Cleveland, Ohio. Egypt is a dynamic poet, emcee, speaker, and author who has also had the honor of sharing the stage with artists such as Phil Keaggy, Social Club Misfits, Audio A, Tedashii, Switchfoot, The Newsboys, and TobyMac.

After releasing her first full length album "Stories" in 2014, Egypt has toured the country and beyond sharing her stories through the art of poetry. At age 16, Egypt received the rank of 1st in the State of Ohio and 2nd in the nation in the category of spoken word according to the National Fine Arts Association. At 17, she released her first book of essays and poetry called "Stories" that received overwhelmingly positive reviews and was featured on JesusWired.com's "What You Should Be Reading" in 2016.


In 2017, her 5th album, and latest full length release entitled "Letters and Scars" found itself on the first round Grammy Awards Show ballot. She rounded off the year on a high note after being named Teen Christian Radio's "Female Artist of the Year."



Egypt Speaks, Spoken Word Artist

#### Attending ROCK this year from Salem are:

Joshua, Paul, Noah, Katie, Diana, Sarah, Emily, Loralli, Emma, Camilo, Chris, Valentina, Stephen, Kathy, Donna, Sue Ellen, Laura, Liz, Bob, Dennis, and Wanda.



December 2018

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		Worship*		Sunday School		Average Attendance	
		Worship	Offerings	Worship	Offerings	Worship	Sunday School
Dec	2	73	\$2,201.00	51	\$532.00	83	55
Dec	9	88	2,316.00	64	146.00	79	48
Dec	16	89	3,091.00	55	77.00	84	52
Dec	23	96	2,726.00	61	148.00	80	49
Dec	30	71	2,219.00	45	212.00	77	45

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$2,942.93
- Cemetery Endowment: \$225.00

- Building Fund: \$685.00
- Building Addition: \$125.00

*(Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*

**Average Attendance Jan-Dec 2018**

Sunday Worship: 84

Sunday School: 52

## Soup & Sandwich Sale set for March 2 & 3

■ By Fonda Gormer

Remember how good the soup and sandwiches tasted at the rainy Lord's Acre Festival last September? Does the cold winter weather have you down? Here's a chance to warm up and enjoy those good eats from the Lord's Acre Festival again!

The Bee-lievers Women's Group will be holding a soup and sandwich sale March 2 and 3. Orders must be placed ahead of time, by January 31.

Order forms will be available at church on the table in the entry hallway. Items may be picked up on Saturday,

March 2 from 4 to 6 p.m., or after services on Sunday, March 3.

Items offered will include quarts of vegetable, turkey noodle, turkey corn and bean soup with rivels, at \$5.00 per quart.

Also offered will be country ham sandwiches at \$3.50 each and turkey salad sandwiches at \$2.50 each.

The sale will benefit the Bee-lievers, to be used for service to the church.

For more information, or to order items, call Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer at 301-293-1470 or Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436.

❖ FOOD SALE ORDER FORM ❖

Give orders to Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer or Fonda Gormer by January 31, 2019.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

SOUPS	How many?	Amount \$
Vegetable \$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Corn \$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Noodle \$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Bean with rivels \$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
<b>SANDWICHES</b>		
Country Ham \$3.50 each	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Salad \$2.50 each	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL amount due at pick up .....		\$ _____
PICK UP (check one) Sat Mar 2 (4-6 p.m.) _____ Sun Mar 3 (a.m.) _____		

## Worship Through Giving — Tithes & Offerings

■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

The scriptures tell us we will be blessed by our giving ministry and God will be pleased (Deuteronomy 15:10).

Giving tithes and offerings is a part of our spiritual worship. We don't give in order to get. We give to make an impact; we give to make a difference in people's lives; we give to further the ministry of Christ (2 Corinthians 9:7).

..... WAYS TO GIVE .....

◆ **Worship Services Plate Offering**

Give by cash or check during any of our worship services. If you give cash and would like it to be reflected on your year-end giving statement, please use an offering envelope.

◆ **By Mail**

You may mail your tithes and offerings to Church Treasurer, Salem United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 94, Myersville, MD 21773. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church.

◆ **Electronically Online (Safe & Secure)**

Salem is now offering the convenience of online giving. Go to our church website and select GIVE. Create an account on the secure server at Vanco Payment Solutions, a United Methodist endorsed service. You may set up recurring giving, e.g., weekly, monthly, or give one time. Funds will be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. No more checks to write and you may change your giving amount at any time. This is a personal choice. Salem members who have already signed up for electronic giving are pleased with the service.



**February**

# Calendar of Events



- Sun 3 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Tue 5 Adult Choir Practice** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem (every Tuesday following)
- Thu 7 Board of Trustees meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 7 UMW "Bee-lievers"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri-Sun 8-10 ROCK Youth Retreat** - Ocean City Convention Center
- Thu 14 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 16 Game & Puzzle Night** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 17 Youth Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY when school is in session  
 Adult Choir Practice every TUESDAY 7:30 p.m. at Salem  
 Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem  
 Women's Bible Study every WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
 Praise Band practices every THURSDAY at 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week  
 Salem Iron Men 2nd & 4th SUNDAYS 7:00 p.m. at Salem

## Newsletter Distribution

- 1. E-Mail** — We are currently notifying 207 of our readers via e-mail when our newsletter is posted online. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
- 2. Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- 3. First Class Mail** — We are mailing up to 30 copies, using the 55 cents First Class postage rate.



## Family & Friends Game & Puzzle Night set for Saturday, February 16

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Family & Friends "Game & Puzzle Night" will be held Saturday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Salem.

Salem invites you and your family and friends for an evening of fun with board games, card games and jigsaw puzzles.

Come and join us for an evening of fellowship. Please bring your favorite board game or card game to share and teach how it is played. Or bring a favorite puzzle and see how quickly it can be put together.

All ages are invited from the youngest of youth to adults. Plan to meet in the church social hall around 7:00 p.m.

Drinks will be provided for the evening. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

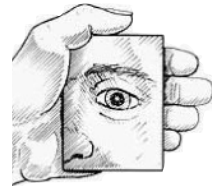
## Salem Iron Men

■ By Bill Weaver  
**Man in the Mirror**

It's a routine which plays itself out every single day of our busy lives: We rise and make our way to the bathroom mirror. As the sleepy fog clears, we focus on our reflection in the mirror and quickly conclude, "there is much to be done!" And so it goes, we act on what we see and scramble to make ourselves presentable for the day ahead.

In the book of James, he warns us not to look in the mirror and then forget what we see. Can you imagine heading off to work one morning in the same disheveled state you arose from?

"Those who hear (God's Word) and don't act are like those who glance in a mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look



like. But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God . . . that person will find delight and affirmation in the action." *James 1:23-25 (The Message Bible)*

Here is the Salem Iron Men schedule for February:

- Sun Feb 10 - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun Feb 24 - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

The Salem Iron Men will be exploring the first chapter of James in February.

I trust you will join us on the second and fourth Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. for fellowship, study and reflection.

We meet in the church sanctuary and would love to have you join us.

## Women's Bible Study

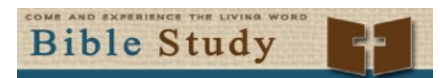
■ By Debbie Irons

### Living in God's Courage

The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. at Salem. We are studying the Sarah Young Jesus calling series.

A new session is starting January 30th titled, "Living in God's Courage."

The Jesus Calling series is a collection of



personal reflections based on Jesus' own words of hope, guidance, and peace found in the Scriptures.

We invite you to join us in fellowship and experience a deeper relationship with the Lord as we study His word.

For more information, you may contact me at 301-271-7012





# Who's Doing What, When?

## FEBRUARY

### 9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<b>Lay Readers</b> 3 - Donald Stottlemeyer 10 - Gary Barkdoll 17 - Youth Sunday 24 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer	<b>Ushers</b> 3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 24 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	<b>Music</b> 3 - Sara Weitzel 10 - Sara Weitzel 17 - Praise Band 24 - Sara Weitzel
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<b>Greeters</b> 3 - Dennis Draper 10 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman & Family 17 - Youth Sunday 24 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer	<b>Acolytes</b> 3 - Loralli Snyder 10 - Patrick Waite 17 - Noah Taveras 24 - Valentina Barkdoll
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### 11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.	<b>Music</b> Feb 17 - Works in Progress Praise Band Feb 24 - Works in Progress Praise Band
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## It's Your Day!

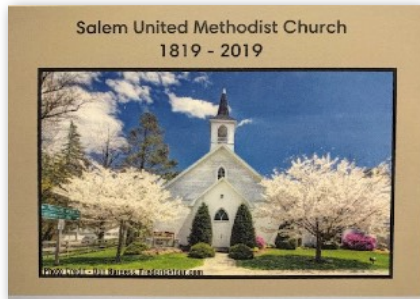
### February Anniversaries

- 22 - Roy & Holly Rippeen
- 28 - Curtis & Dawn Nelson

### February Birthdays

- 1 - Maria Barkdoll
- 3 - Michael Burrier
- 3 - Ruth Draper
- 6 - David Woods Jr.
- 9 - Robin Haupt
- 9 - Robert Keller Jr.
- 9 - Patrick Waite
- 10 - Linda Hessong
- 10 - Trista Wright
- 13 - Emma Waite
- 16 - Polly Miller
- 19 - Samuel Sowers
- 21 - Dianna Poling
- 21 - Landon Lafferty
- 23 - Rev. H. Ronald Ellis
- 24 - Scott Wisner
- 24 - Grace Adams
- 24 - Gary Barkdoll
- 24 - Michael Mellott
- 26 - Wesley Beall

NOTE: To have your anniversary or birthday added, contact Bill Burrier.



**Anniversary Calendars Still Available**  
 The cost of each calendar is \$15. Checks should be made payable to "Salem Bee-lievers."

### Salem Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis  
 The Salem Choir will start practicing for the spring season on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be working on songs for morning worship services and special selections for Holy Week and Easter.

As I write this article in January, there are 62 more days until spring and I am counting down. Easter arrives on April 21, so there's plenty of time to think about joining our choir and singing for this season of celebration.

Everyone is welcome to sing— so, see you at practice!



### Holy Communion

**Sunday**  
**February 3, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. and**  
**11:15 a.m.**



### Sticky Buns & Apple Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers," Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns and Apple Pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12 a dozen
- Apple Pie (9-inch): \$10 each

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 240-818-0126. Orders can be placed at any time and can be picked up after services on Sunday.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



### God's Valentine Gift

By Joanna Fuchs

God's Valentine gift of love to us  
Was not a bunch of flowers;  
It wasn't candy, or a book  
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,  
So He could freely give  
His sacrificial love for us,  
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and  
Instruction, good and true--  
To love our friends and enemies  
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,  
Let's thank our Lord and King;  
The reason we have love to give  
Is that He gave everything.



### Thank God for Little Things

By Helen Steiner Rice

Thank You, God, for little things  
that often come our way.  
The things we take for granted  
but don't mention when we pray.  
The unexpected courtesy  
the thoughtful, kindly deed.  
A hand reached out to help us  
in the time of sudden need.  
Oh, make us more aware, dear God,  
of little daily graces  
That come to us with "sweet surprise"  
from never-dreamed places.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

### The Way

By Hope C. Oberhelman

I looked for hope and did not find it;  
I looked for faith and could not pray —  
I looked for joy and just felt sadness;  
I looked for God and found the way!

I trust in Your faithfulness. Grant my heart joy in  
Your help, that I may sing of the Lord, "How good  
our God has been to me!" —Psalm 13:6



## RECIPE



### Lemon Pull-Apart

**INGREDIENTS:**

2 lemon rinds, grated	1/4 cup melted butter
1/2 cup sugar	
12 frozen dinner roll dough (thawed but still cold)	

**Citrus Glaze:**

1 cup powdered sugar	2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/4 tablespoon butter, melted	

- Cut rolls in half and place in 9" x 13" baking pan sprayed with non-stick spray.
- Drizzle 1/4 cup melted butter over rolls.
- Sprinkle with 1/2 lemon rind/sugar mixture, reserving 1/2 of mixture to sprinkle on just before baking.
- Cover with sprayed plastic wrap.
- Let rise until double.
- Remove wrap and sprinkle on remaining lemon rind/sugar mixture.
- Bake 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes.
- Remove immediately from pan and place on rack.
- Combine powdered sugar, butter and lemon juice and drizzle over pull-aparts.

Submitted by Judith Harne who made this for the Bee-lievers recipe exchange.



Photo by Jim Laky



#### Winter in Wolfsville

On Sunday, February 13, 2019, God displayed His snow storm beauty on Wolfsville and Salem Church. The church doors were open and services were held for those who felt safe traveling in the inclement weather.

#### Anniversary Celebration set for July 28th

Salem's Church Council has begun making preliminary plans for the 200th Anniversary Celebration to be held Sunday, July 28, 2019. On that day, there will be morning worship and Sunday School, an afternoon celebration, and an evening Ice Cream Social. Invitations will be sent to former pastors, community leaders, and neighboring church congregations. More details later.



## Message from the Pastor and Worship in February

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

**200** years ago, in 1819, Salem Church was formed by a group of people who believed that faith in God, lived out as a community of believers, was important and something they wanted to be part of as they lived out their lives.

200 years later their hope in God and church remains in us.

We begin this month's worship reaffirming the vital role the church, a community of believers, has in our lives.

We end the month reaffirming what sustains us – God's love poured into us and reflected by us out into the world.

In between the first and fourth Sundays, we'll have two Sundays that reflect the continued vitality of Salem.

Bill Burrier, layperson and longtime member and leader at Salem, will lead worship and preach the second Sunday of February.

The following week, our youth will lead worship and deliver the message of the day.

Committed laypersons of all ages, working alongside pastors, all under the Lordship of Christ, continue to be our strength.

We give thanks to those who felt God's leading to form Salem Church in 1819. We stand on their shoulders and hope they'd be proud of us.

Most of all we hope that God will be pleased with us as we embark upon our third century together.

God Bless, —Pastor Bob

**February 3**  
**Holy Communion**  
**"Jesus the Team Captain"**  
**Luke 5:1-11**

Luke 5:10b – "Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." Early in his ministry, Jesus formed a team to assist



him. He was the Son of God with limitless powers. He didn't need a team. Why did he form one?

A team, a community, the church – with Jesus as Captain - is the way God desires us to live and work together to accomplish his purposes.

When we try to go it alone, we're limited by only the gifts we have to offer. Working as a team, we bring all our combined gifts to bear and we can accomplish so much more for the Lord.

**February 10**  
**"God's Valentine"**  
**Guest Speaker Bill Burrier**  
**John 3:16**

John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

On this day, Pastor Bob will be at the ROCK Youth & Adult Retreat in Ocean City, Maryland. Bill Burrier will be leading worship and preaching.

The message this day will relate to Valentine's Day, February 14th, and will focus on God's love and how that translates to our lives today.

**February 17**  
**Youth Sunday**

Our youth attended the ROCK Youth & Adult Retreat in Ocean City,



Maryland, last weekend, February 8th through 10th.

Our youth will be our worship leaders on this day, including sharing with us what they learned at ROCK and how they will apply it to their lives.

**February 24**  
**"Jesus the Prophet of Love"**  
**Luke 6:27-38**

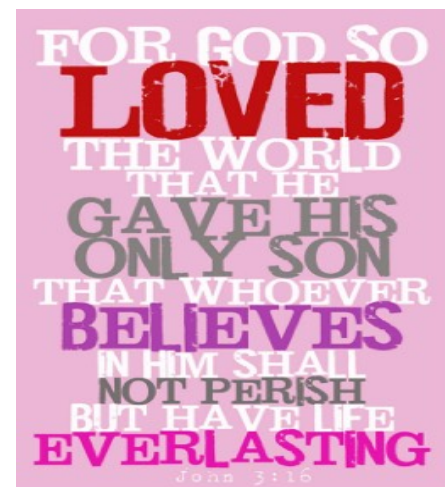
Luke 6:27-28 – "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

I'm writing this the day after we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. Reverend King reminded us of the power of love in conquering hate.

Sometimes it seems like hate is winning in the world, but in reality the conveyers of hate are attacking and harming themselves.

Yes, hate can leave a lot of destruction in its wake but in the end love will always win out over hate.

Jesus is our example. His kingship is based on love. We are most human, most whole, most who we were created to be, when love rules in our lives.!





1819-2019

## History of Salem United Methodist Church

## Part 3 — A “Who’s Who” of Early Salem Church

CELEBRATING  
200 YEARS  
of ministry in Wolfsville

■ By Fonda Gormer

### The Meeting Place

As was discussed previously, John Hoover III and wife Susannah (nee Harshman) built their stone barn in 1819 and large stone house in 1820, and offered them as meeting places for the newly organized Class of Salem Church, Wolfsville, Maryland.

### Early Membership Book

An early membership book lists names prior to February 1869. It gives names, some dates of death, some marriages, and sometimes other interesting notations.

For example, some names are followed by “removed”; research indicates that these members moved from the area or became part of other congregations. Other names are followed by “expelled.” Does this term reflect a lapse in acceptable behavior, or maybe a lack of financial support or regular attendance? A later treasury book for the church notes that members were expelled if they had not provided financial support to pay the pastor for the previous three years, so this is probably what is meant in the early membership list.

Since the Hoover family was the first to permanently settle in the Wolfsville area, and the ones to share their home, it would follow that the first members of the Salem Class would be part of the Hoover family. The first page of the membership book confirms this. The names on the first page follow with some added information in parentheses.

1. John Hoover – died A.D. 1822 aged 59 years.
2. Elizabeth Hoover – died June A.D. 1817 aged 54 years. (was Elizabeth another name for John’s wife Susan, who is not on the list?)
3. John Hoover – died June 25th A.D. 1861 aged 84 years 5 months 4 days. (son of #1; this is the man who built the stone barn and house.)
4. Susanna Harshman Hoover – died June 11 A.D. 1845 age 57 years 6 months 19 days. (wife of #3; she would have died before the church



**John Hoover**  
the man who built the  
stone barn and house  
(#3 below)

- was built.)
5. Jacob Hoover – died December A.D. 1836. (son of #1)
  6. Mary Hoover – died March 6 A.D. 1833. (wife of #5, born Mary Grossnickle.)
  7. Christian Hoover – removed 1830. (son of #1, moved to Dayton, VA, selling “Egypt” to John Recher.)
  8. Elizabeth Hoover – removed 1830. (Wife of #7)
  9. Mary Hoover – married (Samuel) Toms and removed. (daughter of #1; couple moved to the Myersville area.)
  10. Elizabeth Hoover – married (John) Stotler and removed. (daughter of #1; couple moved to the Chewsville area)
  11. Eve Hoover – married A. Hoover and removed. (daughter of #1, second wife of Abraham Hoover, lived in Franklin Co., PA.)
  12. John Miller – expelled.
  13. Eve Miller – expelled.
  14. Sophia Miller – married (George) Summers and removed. (she was born in 1811 in MD and died in Hagerstown, MD, September 23, 1880)
  15. Charles Miller – removed.
  16. John Hoover Jr. – removed. (son of #3 & #4.)
  17. Samuel Hoover – (son of #3 & #4)
  18. Elizabeth Hoover – married (Hiram) Mullen. (daughter of #3 & #4.)
  19. Catherine Hoover – died January 9th 1873 aged 58 years 6 months 19 days. (never married.)
  20. Susanna Hoover – married Fred Ridenour and removed. Died January 21st, 1877. (born October 30, 1816. She was Frederick Ridenour’s second wife; Frederick was a shoemaker; they moved to the Myersville area.)
  21. Frederick Rider – removed (living in Thurmont area in 1870)

22. Mary Rider – removed (wife of #21)
23. David Beeler – removed
24. Mary Beeler – removed
25. Jacob Eckstine – removed (born in Germany 1808; married Barbara Dayhoff; had moved to Washington Co. by 1850; appears to have been the son of Jacob Eckstein, a Lutheran minister born about 1781 in Germany)
26. Frederick Miller – removed
27. John Miller – removed
28. George Miller – expelled
29. John W. Reid – removed
30. C. W. Zahn – removed (was married to Lydia Hoover, daughter of #5 & #6)
31. John Eckstine – removed (brother of #25; born 1816 in Germany; had moved to the Cavetown area by 1850)
32. John Pass – expelled
33. Elizabeth Pass – removed (born Elizabeth Maugans in 1807; she was the wife of #32)
34. Joseph Brown – removed
35. Elizabeth Brown – removed

### Membership Listing Continues

The membership book continues, listing a similar amount of ties to the Hoover family, with names like Stottlemeyer, Warrenfeltz, Hurley, Cost, Craver, Blickenstaff, Palmer and others appearing as the Hoover daughters married. Salem was truly founded as a family church.

The 1830 census includes, among others, John Hoover’s family of 12, David Beeler’s family of 6, and Frederick Rider’s family of 10 as residents of the Wolfsville area. If they and others attended services at the Hoover house, it would be quite full!

Enough genealogy for now. For more information or names from the early membership book, please contact me at [fonda.gormer@comcast.net](mailto:fonda.gormer@comcast.net).

So if the church building for Salem was built across the road from the Hoover house and barn, why is the cemetery on a hill outside Wolfsville?

Discover the answer in the March issue of “The Mountain Shepherd.”

# Heavenly Humor

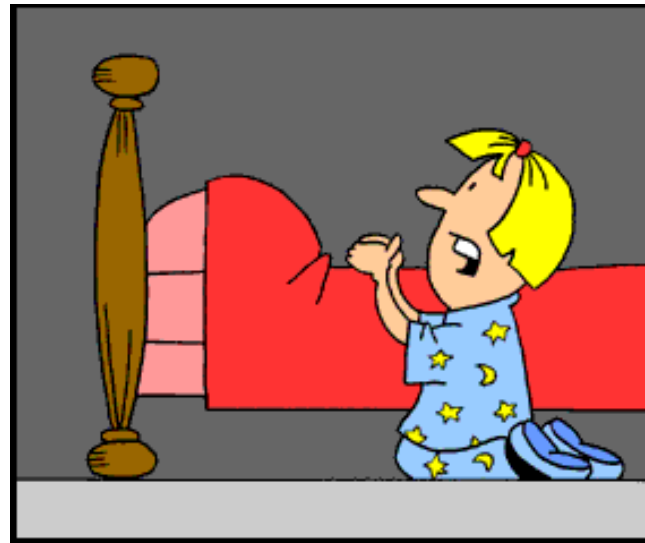
## Christmas Eve at Salem

Photo by Sara Weitzel



### Christmas Eve at Salem

The children play an important role in Salem’s Christmas Eve service. As the Christmas story is read, the children create the nativity scene, playing Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, and even some of the animals.



Will You be my Valentine?

### Some thoughts to ponder . . .

It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.

To love our neighbors as ourselves means to see that we are worth loving, and those around us are too.

Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Wishing is not enough, we must do.

—Johann Wolfgang

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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